

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2006 - SB 2200**

February 9, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes municipalities to provide notification informing a property owner of the need for maintenance on such property by personal delivery or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation for two consecutive weeks, if prior notification by United States mail is unsuccessful or no valid last known address exists for the owner of record.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100/Permissive**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-54-113, municipalities may send notice to a property owner via United States mail when maintenance on trees, vines, grass, underbrush, or accumulation of debris, trash, litter, or garbage will endanger the health, safety, or welfare of other citizens; if ten days after receiving notice, the property owner fails to remedy the condition of the property the municipality may cause to have the property brought to safe conditions and collect reasonable costs associated with the property clean-up from the property owner.
- The provisions of the bill will authorize, not require, municipalities to utilize other methods for notification of property owners, after the first notification has been unsuccessful.
- It is estimated personal delivery of the secondary notification will not result in any significant increase in local government expenditures.
- Based on responses to the 2013 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee, participating local government officials reported an average cost of \$108 per legal notice published in a newspaper.
- A minimum of one city will utilize newspaper publication for secondary notification purposes resulting in a permissive increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$100.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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